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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Woodland H. "Woody" Cover of Marion on May 12, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cover was born on November 9, 1921, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Marshall and Bertha (Peterson) Cover; and

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WHEREAS, He attended school in St. Paul and was a graduate of Johnson High School of St. Paul, Minnesota; soon after his graduation, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy during the time of World War II; he was aboard the USS Nevada at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941; he was badly wounded and was hospitalized stateside for nine months; he later returned to service and was reassigned to another ship until the time of his discharge in 1945; he was awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds he received; and

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WHEREAS, He married Aileen Mattox on June 23, 1945, in Los Angeles, California; from 1945 to 1951, they lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, Madison, Minnesota, where they ran a restaurant, and St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked for McDonald Douglas; and

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WHEREAS, In 1951, he re-enlisted into the U.S. Air Force and served for 18 years; after his discharge from the service, he and his family returned to Marion; he worked for the U.S. Penitentiary in Marion for 13 years until the time of his retirement in 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cover attended Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Marion; he was a lifetime member of Heyde-Pillow VFW Post No. 1301 of Marion and a former member of Fellowship Masonic Lodge No. 89 A.F. & A.M. of Marion; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was an avid sports fan of football and
2 basketball; he also loved to swim, and was a person who loved
3 people; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
5 sister, Anita Damico; and his brothers, Kenny, Marty, Richard,
6 and Mack Cover; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Woodland H. "Woody" Cover is felt
8 by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 60 years,
9 Aileen; his daughters and one son-in-law, Geri and Bruce Lyon
10 and Shirley Nuss; his granddaughters, Candace Brookmeyer and
11 her husband, Sam, Michelle Lyon, Tiffany Lyon, and Melissa
12 Nuss; his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Helen Cover; and
13 a host of nieces and nephews, other family members, and many
14 friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Woodland H. "Woody" Cover and extend our sincerest condolences
18 to his family, friends, and community; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
21 sympathy.